release of second instalment of funds under JRY to any district is made only after the audit report for the year before the previous year is submitted to the Government of India.

The State Governments, have also been directed to draw up a programme of inspection of JRY works by senior officers, from the State/District/Block Level who are required to inspect the works in the village/district at a frequeney decided by the State Level Coordination Committee and take necessary action not only to improve the quality of work but also to punish those responsible for any irregularity. Directions have also been given to the Project Directors, DRDAs, during the annual workshops, to deal firmly with the cases of mis-appropriation, embezzlement of funds etc.

Whenever complaints of mis-utilisation of JRY funds are received, they are referred to the State Government for investigation & appropriate action, under intimation to the Government of India.

Drinking water supply projects submitted by A. P. Government

4372. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what are the drinking water supply projects proposals submitted by Government of Andhra Pradesh which are presently pending with Ministry of Rural Development;

(b) whether their respective Project Reports were sent by Government of Andhra Pradesh for sanction; and

(c) tentative date of approval are sanction ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL): (a) One project for providing drinking water to certain pollution affected villages in Medak district of Andhra Pradesh is pending with the Ministry of Rural Development. Seven projects were returned to the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for certain technical clarifications.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Medak project with the revised project cost of Rs. 160 lakhs is under technical scrutiny in consultation with the Ministry of Environment and Forests. The decision of the Central Government is likely to be conveyed to the State Government within a period of three months.

Proposal for rural link roads under J. R. Y.

4373. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh have submitted a project proposal for Rural Link Roads under J. R. Y. with a outlay of Rs. 193 crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Special Project for construction of rural roads has been received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh with an estimated cost of Rs. 193.00 crores spread over a period of two years. It has been proposed to provide communication facilities to 4206 villages generating 526.36 lakh mandays of employment during the project period.

(c) The proposal is under examination in this Ministry.

Discrimination against women

4374. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether there exists discrimination against women under the Jawahar Rozgar Yojana in Violation of the guidelines of equal remuneration for men and women; and

(b) if so, the States where the Centre has intervened for taking corrective measures as laid down in the guidelines and the outcome of that intervention ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) and (b) No Sir. Specific provision has been made under JRY guidelines to pay equal remuneration to men and women workers for the same work or works of a similar nature. So far, it has come to the notice of the Centre Government that Kerala Govt. was discriminating in the payment of wages to male and female workers under JRY. They were paying Rs. 27 to male workers and Rs. 23 to female workers for the same type of work. The matter was taken up